

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following title before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1.

**Background**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 17 with the following amended paragraph.

~~The problem of the invention is to provide~~ There is a need for a tripod that has small transport dimensions while nevertheless permitting rapid and simple adjustment of the length of the individual tripod legs.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 20 as shown below.

~~This is obtained according to the invention with the tripod characterized in claim 1. The subclaims render advantageous embodiments of the inventive tripod.~~

Please add the following title before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23.

**Summary**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23 with the following amended paragraph.

According to one aspect of the invention, the fixing device of each leg of a tripod is actuated merely by rotating two segments relative to each other, preferably by rotating the middle segment relative to the first or top segment fastened to the tripod top. Thus, to set up ~~[[a]]~~ the three-legged tripod according to this aspect one need only rotate altogether three segments to fix the segments of all three legs. Thus, the length adjustment of the legs can be performed fast and practically without bending down. According to ~~the invention~~ this aspect, the total fixing device of the tripod leg is thus actuated by rotating one of the bottom segments relative to the segment fastened to the tripod top.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 3 with the following amended paragraph.

Preferably, a A turning handle ~~[[is]]~~ can be provided on the bottom end of the first or top segment, i.e. the end facing away from the tripod top, for rotating the middle segment relative to the top segment. ~~[[This]]~~ Such a handle could additionally facilitate~~[[s]]~~ the setting up of the tripod.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5 as shown below.

~~In the following, an embodiment of the invention will be explained in more detail by way of example with reference to the drawings, in which:~~

Please add the following title before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 7.

#### **Brief Description of the Drawings**

Please add the following title before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 17.

#### **Detailed Description**